

selected by Women Making a Difference, Inc. as one of Philadelphia's Next Generation of Women Leaders.

Madam Speaker, Nina began her career in government as an intern in the Press Office of Mayor Martin O'Malley of Baltimore, Maryland. Upon graduation from college, she worked as a volunteer in the campaign office of Mayor Rendell who was running for Governor of Pennsylvania. After his successful bid for Governor, she transferred to Harrisburg to serve as Assistant to the Executive Director of the Inaugural Committee.

Nina was then offered the position of Special Assistant in the Office of Public Liaison. Soon thereafter, she became Deputy Director of Scheduling and Advance in the Governor's Office. She advanced to the position of Deputy Press Secretary and Communications Manager where she served as a liaison between State agencies and the Governor's Office, managed releases and press briefings, and pro actively promoted the policy agenda of Governor Rendell.

Ms. Tinari has a B.A. in Communications with a concentration in Public Relations from Loyola College in Maryland, a Certificate in Non Profit Leadership and Management from the Fels Institute of Government—University of Pennsylvania, and is presently a candidate for a masters in Government Administration from the Fels Institute of Government—University of Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, as the first woman Speaker and someone who is extremely proud of her Italian heritage, I ask you and all of our colleagues to congratulate an up-and-coming leader. A woman who is working hard to blaze a trail for her generation—Nina Tinari.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR WINNING THE PINNACLE AWARD

HON. LUCILE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy, located in my Congressional district, on receiving the 2007 Pinnacle Award from the American Pharmacists Association Foundation. This national award celebrates innovators who have made significant contributions to improving the quality of medication delivery for patients and caregivers.

Los Angeles County is home to more than 2.7 million uninsured residents, many of whom rely on their local health care clinic for needed health services. USC's Community Pharmacy Group earned this honor for their work to serve patients in eight safety-net clinics in underserved neighborhoods in Los Angeles, including the JWCH Medical Clinic at the Weingart Center located in the heart of downtown Los Angeles' Skid Row.

Recognizing that community pharmacists are often the most accessible health care professionals for many underserved patients, USC has trained pharmacists along with residents and students to provide disease management services to high-risk patients, and has helped community clinics purchase lower-cost medication. USC pharmacists work di-

rectly with patients with chronic diseases requiring ongoing medication and lifestyle changes. By implementing pharmacist-based disease management services and education at these clinics, the USC Community Pharmacy Group has demonstrated significant improvements in health outcomes directly attributed to pharmacist interventions.

Prior to the start of the project, none of the eight clinics had a pharmacist available to provide pharmaceutical care to patients in the clinic. Pharmacists have reduced drug costs at the clinics by utilizing patient assistance programs and formulary products. The results were outstanding; patients with chronic conditions increased their use of appropriate medications and improved control of their illnesses.

Madam Speaker, I applaud USC for their commitment to improving health outcomes for low-income patients in Los Angeles. It is my hope that the recognition USC receives through the Pinnacle Award will prompt other communities to try similar successful interventions. Together, through these types of efforts, we can improve the quality of life for millions of underserved Americans in need of quality health care.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING NORMAN ROSENSHEIN, NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor Norman Rosenshein, Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America for his tireless efforts and dedication on behalf of America's veterans. Jewish War Veterans of the USA, is the oldest active veterans association in the United States, founded by civil war veterans in 1896. Today, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA is dedicated to those programs that support the needs of our veterans' community; combat anti-Semitism and bigotry; support American youth through scouting, scholarships and anti-drug programs; and assist oppressed Jews worldwide.

Mr. Rosenshein served in the U.S. Army on active duty from December 8, 1964 until December 7, 1966. He joined the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America in January 1970. Since 1970, he has been an active member of David Blick Post 63 of Elizabeth, NJ. During that time Mr. Rosenshein has held all of the post offices until finally in August of 2006 when he was elected National Commander.

In addition to the Jewish War Veterans, Mr. Rosenshein is active in his congregation, having served as their Vice President. Because of his expertise, Mr. Rosenshein was appointed to the New Jersey Healthcare System Veterans Stakeholder Advisory Group in 1995 and presently serves on their committees. I applaud Mr. Rosenshein's whole hearted commitment to the Jewish War Veterans. He has proved himself a tenacious advocate and his continuous contribution for their welfare and wellbeing is truly commendable.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MARQUETTE

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor faithful people and an important historic landmark in my district, the First Presbyterian Church of Marquette, Michigan. For a century and a half, the First Presbyterian Church of Marquette has served as a place of worship for the residents of Marquette and surrounding communities in Michigan's Upper Peninsula (U.P.). Throughout its rich history, the church and its congregation have served as an anchor to the community and offered important social services to those in the area.

In October of 1855, a small group of people met and considered putting together an organization for a Presbyterian Society in Marquette. A month after this initial meeting, this small group purchased a piece of land on which to erect a church. Called the "Session House," the building originally stood on the corner of Baraga Avenue and Fourth Street in Marquette. In June of 1857, the original 18 members of the Presbyterian Society called a meeting and elected its first elders. The Reverend Jonathan A. Woodruff was named the first temporary pastor. During these early years of the church, a Sunday School was started and common functions such as baptisms and marriages were performed.

By 1865, the size of the First Presbyterian Church's congregation had increased dramatically and the congregation determined that a larger church was necessary. In 1867, a large brick and stone structure was erected on the corner of Front and Bluff Streets in Marquette, Michigan. In the summer of 1868, a horrific fire swept through the downtown area of Marquette, destroying practically every building in the area. Nonetheless, the structure of the First Presbyterian Church survived and the church was finished and dedicated in November of 1868.

Sadly, this structure was destroyed in a second fire that occurred in 1931. Nonetheless, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church remained united in their faith and continued to hold services in various locations. Two faithful church members left a bequest, allowing the church to be rebuilt in 1935. The 1935 structure exhibits the architecture of the English Gothic period and stained glass windows inspired by 13th century churches. The 1935 building still stands today.

Throughout its history, the church has provided not only a place to worship, but a valuable center of social services to the entire Marquette community. In the late 1970s, an adult day care center was started at the church for elderly community members in rooms furnished to meet a variety of needs. The program remains active today and serves approximately thirty people a week, providing vital services to some of the most vulnerable members of the Marquette community.

The genesis of the adult day care center stemmed from another valuable program at the church, the "Lunch Bunch," a social event at the church targeting elderly residents. Members of the congregation cook lunch and make it available to anyone who wishes to attend, primarily elderly members of the community.

One of the church's newer programs, "Stephen Ministry," was brought to the church in 1984. The program trains congregation members in pastoral counseling. Individuals undergoing emotional stress due to bereavement or divorce can seek a Stephen Ministry counselor and receive confidential one-on-one advice. In short, the program has enlisted members of the First Presbyterian Church of Marquette to counsel friends and neighbors during difficult times in their lives.

By organizing and hosting panel discussions, the church has also served as a forum where social problems in the community can be debated and discussed. In some cases, these discussions have yielded important innovative solutions. For example, one panel discussion resulted in the founding of the Medical Care Access Coalition, a collaboration of physicians and pharmacists throughout the area willing to offer free services to uninsured residents in Marquette County.

Madam Speaker, on Saturday, the First Presbyterian Church of Marquette will celebrate 150 years of dedicated service to the Marquette community. The church and its congregation have been blessed with dedicated pastors who have demonstrated great vision in building upon the teachings of Jesus Christ and the principles found in the Bible to offer a place of worship as well as critical social services to their brothers and sisters of Marquette County. I would ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in saluting the First Presbyterian Church and its faithful congregation upon its sesquicentennial celebration.

RECOGNITION OF SPC JEREMIAH
"JEREMY" DAVID COSTELLO

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Army Specialist Jeremy Costello. Spc. Costello was a motor transport operator who was recently killed by an improvised explosive device while fighting for freedom in Iraq.

Costello was a 22 year-old from Carlinville, Illinois who was assigned to 5th Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division out of Fort Bliss, TX.

Costello is survived by his 4-year old daughter of Alton. I am proud of the service this young man gave to our country and the service his fellow troops perform everyday. Not enough can be said about Spc. Costello. Some of his awards and decorations speak to what a great soldier and man he was; the Combat Action Badge and Driver and Mechanic Badge. It is troops like Costello that are risking their lives day in and day out to ensure our freedom here at home and to others throughout the rest of the world. My best wishes go out to his family and all the troops fighting to ensure freedom and democracy. May God bless him and may God continue to bless America.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ANDREA WATKINS AND DENISS QUINTANILLA-CERON

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend two outstanding seniors at Eastside High School in Paterson, Andrea Watkins and Deniss Quintanilla-Ceron. These young people are this year's recipients of the Nathan LeBron Scholarship Fund for their commitment to their education and to their futures.

Eastside High School may sound familiar—it is the school featured in the 1989 movie, *Lean On Me*. Many of the young men and women who attend that school face a wide variety of challenges and must overcome much to achieve their goals for a brighter future. The LeBron scholarship is one way that the community can demonstrate its support for their endeavors. Both Andrea and Deniss possess the brilliance of spirit that will turn this small show of support into an extraordinary future.

The scholarship is given in partnership with the Michelle Mitzvah Group of Beth Haverim. Both are named for people who exemplify perseverance and love of life. Nathan LeBron was a cancer survivor. Michelle was a young girl he met before she succumbed to leukemia. Nathan came from a troubled home, but with the love and support of Michelle's father, Marc Appelbaum, he went on to graduate college, earn a masters at Harvard, and head the IT operations at the Baseball Hall of Fame. The Mitzvah group seeks out opportunities to make the community a better place, with particular emphasis on brightening the lives who really need it—much as Marc Appelbaum did for Nathan LeBron in his youth.

I commend the men and women who work with this scholarship fund and who make the social action mission of the Michelle Mitzvah Group come to life. And, I commend Andrea and Deniss for their accomplishments. There is little doubt that they, in turn, will do tremendous things to brighten the lives of others as well.

RECOGNIZING MINNA ZHOU OF
WOODBURY, MINNESOTA

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Minna Zhou of Woodbury, Minnesota, who was recently chosen as a 2007 Young Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

Minna has proven herself to be an outstanding young woman through her involvement in Girl Scouts, for which she has received their highest honor, the Gold Award.

She has also become involved, in her community by developing and teaching biweekly classes to adopted Chinese children focusing on Chinese language, culture, holidays, music and dance.

At the same time, Minna has published a newsletter sharing this information with her students' parents, to create a mutual understanding and appreciation of their children's background, and helped her students organize a recital showcasing their knowledge.

Madam Speaker, I applaud the important goals of Minna's classes, and I am extremely proud of Minna's dedication to volunteerism in her community. She is a remarkable young leader, and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her accomplishments.

HUMAN CLONING PROHIBITION
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2560 the "Human Cloning Prohibition Act." This legislation prohibits human cloning, and it makes it unlawful for any person to ship, mail, transport, or receive the product of human somatic cell nuclear transfer technology knowing that it will be used for human cloning. H.R. 2650 also makes it illegal for any person to initiate a pregnancy to facilitate human cloning.

Mr. Speaker, by a wide margin Americans believe that human cloning is wrong and immoral. It is also highly inefficient. More than 90% of cloning attempts fail to produce viable offspring. In addition to low success rates, cloned animals tend to have compromised immune system and higher rates of infections, tumors, and other disorders.

Studies conducted in Japan show that cloned mice live in poor health and die early. About a third of the cloned calves born alive have died young, and many of them were abnormally large. The American Medical Association (AMA) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) have issued formal public statements advising against human reproductive cloning.

Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 2560 because it reinforces the views and values of the American people. Human beings should be born, not cloned. Bringing a child into this world should be a consecrated act of grace; not a clinical or commercial enterprise. It is one thing to conduct research to find life-saving cures. It is quite another to try and create life in the laboratory. I support the former and oppose the latter.

For these reasons, I support H.R. 2560 and urge all of my colleagues to join me in voting for its passage.

RECOGNIZING BORDEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join Borden as they celebrate their 150th anniversary.

For those who are not familiar with Borden, it was founded in 1857 by Gail Borden and was originally known as the New York Condensed Milk Company. Borden invented the